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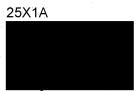
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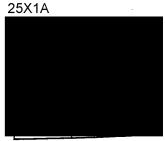
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"Rhine Shipping

Towards the end of February 1954, the ice broke, but chipping space was not available, since all the barges and motor-ships stuck in the ice had to continue their voyages first, before being free for new liftings. However, since the first days of March 1954 the situation is slowly improving.

"Rhine Shipments

| | January 1954 | December 1953 |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Gasoline | 50,257 bbls | 81,203 bbls |
| Kerosene Distillates and Fuels Luboils Other Petroleum Derivates Coal (all qualities) | 4,510 " 1,897 " | 40,309 " 11,776 " 5,364 " 36,517 m t |

"Comparison of imports of petroleum products via railroad and via Rhine:

| | into Switzerland | Barges Metric Tons |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gasoline Kerosene Distillates & Fuels Luboils | 23,166 4,219 59,880 3,876 | 9,402 5,685 651 |

| troleum Consumption in Switzerland | Total Sales | January A | / December |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Unit in 1,000 bbls | 1947 | 1952 | 1953 |
| Gesoline | 1,899 120 | 3,279 546 | 3,729 422 |
| Gasoil & Domestic Diesel | 3,288 | 4,404 1,103,5 | 4,937.5 1,251 |
| Impoils | 179 | 195 | 225" |
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